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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER THOMPSON ON SOUTH AFRICA AND
DESTABILIZATION

1. DURING A RECENT SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION (YO), FOREIGN
MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON COMMENTED ON SOUTH AFRICA, AND
JAMAICAN FEAR OF DESTABILIZATION.

2. THOMPSON'S REMARKS ON SOUTH AFRICA CAME AS HE ACCEPTED
A CHECK FOR J\$1,500 FROM THE YO FOR "AFRICAN FREEDOM
FIGHTERS". ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THOMPSON ASSERTED
THAT ONLY BULLETS CAN SETTLE THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
HE REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS
IMPERIALIST, RACIST, AND "AN ABOMINATION", HE
WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE HE WOULD NOT CALL THOSE
WHO AGREED WITH SOUTH AFRICA ENEMIES OF JAMAICA,
THOSE WHO SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA "AGAINST MY PEOPLE
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ARE NOT MY FRIENDS."

3. REGARDING "DESTABILIZATION", THOMPSON'S COMMENT
CAME AS HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR "SOLIDARITY AND
UNITY", AN IDEA WHICH GAINED IMMEDIACY IN THE
AFTERMATH OF THE OUSTER OF YO CHAIRMAN LUIS
CASTRIOTA ON THE EVE OF THE YO'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(SEE KINGSTON 3666). IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERSCORE
THE NEED FOR UNITY AT THE NATIONAL AS WELL AS PARTY
LEVEL, THOMPSON SAID THAT NO POWER COULD DESTABILIZE A
NATION IF THAT NATION REMAINED UNITED. HE WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING, "DESTABILIZATION CAN COME ONLY
FROM INSIDE AND IF YOU ARE UNITED YOU NEED NOT FEAR
ANYONE ELSE."
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